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SUBJECT: VISIT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL TODD

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1. I AM DELIGHTED THAT YOU CAN MAKE YOUR PROMISED VISIT TO BURUNDI SO SOON. AS I SAID WHEN WE MET, MY DESIRE IS TO HAVE YOU SIZE UP THE SITUATION HERE AND COMPARE IT WITH CONDITIONS IN MANY OTHER LANDS WHERE THE U.S. FURNISHES AID AND WHICH YOU KNOW FROM PERSONAL STUDY. YOUR JUDGMENT WILL IN TURN HAVE A BEARING ON MY OWN PRESENT VIEW THAT OUR CURRENT POLICY OF EXCLUDING BURUNDI FROM AMERICAN ASSISTANCE IS NO LONGER JUSTIFIABLE AND HAS BECOME HIGHLY DISCRIMINATORY, CONTRARY TO OUR BEST INTERESTS HERE.

2. WHILE I HOPE THAT A POSITIVE DECISION ON BILATERAL AID FOR BURUNDI WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE YOU REACH HERE, I KNOW THAT REALISTICALLY SPEAKING, THE TIME FRAME IS PROBABLY TOO SHORT. HENCE, THERE WILL BE PITFALL THAT, IN INTRODUCING YOU TO BURUNDI OFFICIALS HERE, YOUR TITLE MAY AROUSE EXPECTATIONS ON AID THAT WOULD NOT RPT NOT YET BE VALID. SINCE I FEEL STRONGLY THAT YOU SHOULD MEET SOME REGIME FUNCTIONARIES, I WONDER WHETHER THERE IS ANY OTHER TITLE THAT WE COULD ADOPT, FOR EXAMPLE, ONE RELATING TO YOUR INVOLVEMENT AT A HIGH LEVEL IN LDC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, WHICH WOULD AVOID MISINTERPRETATION.

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